DEPT: COUNTY TREASURER

UNIT NO. 3090

FUND: General - 0001

## **OPERATING AUTHORITY & PURPOSE**

Pursuant to Section 59.25 of the Wisconsin Statutes, this Department receives all monies which belong to, or are deposited in trust with the County of Milwaukee; pays out all monies on order of the County Board, or as otherwise provided by law or ordinances; transmits State taxes, fees and revenues from other charges to the State Treasurer;

collects and enforces the collection of delinquent property taxes; acts as custodian of the Employees' Retirement System; provides for the daily cash requirements of Milwaukee County; and invests County appropriations not needed immediately in low risk short-term and mid-term investments.

BUDGET SUMMARY									
		2003		2004		2005		2004/2005	
Account Summary	Actual		Budget		Budget			Change	
Personal Services (w/o EFB)	\$	383,513	\$	401,402	\$	407,416	\$	6,014	
Employee Fringe Benefits (EFB)		146,857		219,075		228,396		9,321	
Services		262,124		173,320		186,220		12,900	
Commodities		14,118		14,000		15,000		1,000	
Other Charges		405,464		173,988		237,500		63,512	
Capital Outlay		0		0		0		0	
County Service Charges		158,105		157,788		181,592		23,804	
Abatements	Ι,	(144,441)		(145,708)		(168,241)		(22,533)	
Total Expenditures	\$	1,225,740	\$	993,865	\$	1,087,883	\$	94,018	
Total Revenues	\$	1,922,570	\$	1,475,150	\$	1,475,150	\$	0	
Direct Property Tax Levy	\$	(696,830)	\$	(481,285)	\$	(387,267)	\$	94,018	

ADDITIONAL COSTS NOT INCLUDED IN TAX LEVY*									
	2003		2004		2005		2004/2005		
Account Summary	Actual		Budget		Budget			Change	
Central Service Allocation	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	
Courthouse Space Rental		76,824		74,421		70,274		(4,147)	
Document Services		9,692		16,780		6,770		(10,010)	
Tech Support & Infrastructure		18,222		22,173		34,269		12,096	
Distribution Services		6,990		6,248		5,428		(820)	
Telecommunications		3,709		1,951		2,134		183	
Records Center		1,791		1,868		1,843		(25)	
Radio		0		0		0		0	
Personal Computer Charges		9,439		9,159		19,026		9,867	
Applications Charges		17,774		13,108		28,497		15,389	
Total Charges	\$	144,441	\$	145,708	\$	168,241	\$	22,533	
Direct Property Tax Levy	\$	(696,830)	\$	(481,285)	\$	(387,267)	\$	94,018	
Total Property Tax Levy	\$	(552,389)	\$	(335,577)	\$	(219,026)	\$	116,551	

<sup>\*</sup> These costs are included in other departmental and non-departmental budgets. They are reflected here to show the "total" amount of tax levy support for this Department.

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		2003		2004		2005		2004/2005	
		Actual		Budget		Budget		Change	
Personal Services (w/o EFB)	\$	383,513	\$	401,402	\$	407,416	\$	6,014	
Employee Fringe Benefits (EFB)	\$	146,857	\$	219,075	\$	228,396	\$	9,321	
Position Equivalent (Funded)*		9.0		9.0		9.0		0.0	
% of Gross Wages Funded		100.0		100.0		100.0		0.0	
Overtime (Dollars)**	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	
Overtime (Equivalent to Positions)		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	

<sup>\*</sup> For 2003, the Position Equivalent is the budgeted amount.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Delineated for information. (Also included in personal services.)

PERSONNEL CHANGES											
Job Title/Classification None	Action	Number of Positions/ Total FTE	Division	Cost of Positions (Excluding Fringe Benefits)							
			TOTAL	\$ 0							

## MISSION

In its functions of cash receipt and disbursement, property tax services and investment program, the Milwaukee County Treasurer's Office will provide prompt, high-quality services to sustain the overall operation of County government for the benefit of its citizens.

## **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

- Personal Services expenditures without fringe benefits increase by \$6,014, from \$401,402 to 407,416. Funded positions remained the same at 9.
- Tax levy increases by \$94,018 primarily due to the department's statutory responsibility to pay unpaid personal property tax charge backs. The 2005 Budget for tax charge backs increases \$70,000, from \$130,000 to \$200,000, to better reflect actual experience.
- Interest collected on delinquent property taxes is unchanged at \$1,450,000. For 2005, the number of notices processed is anticipated at 6,000, the same as 2004.

- The 2005 Budget raises fees for administrative costs associated with foreclosures and tax delinquent property listings. The administrative costs would increase from \$200 to \$250 per foreclosure and delinquent property listings would increase from \$75 to \$150. These fees are budgeted under other service fee charges at \$10,000, which reflects a \$0 increase over 2004 despite the proposed 2005 increase. Based on 2004 actual experience, the total revenue has not been adjusted to reflect the increase in the fees. As of the end of August 2004, the department had collected less than 10% of its revenue as a result of staff shortages.
- Bank Service fees increase \$5,000, from \$80,000 to \$85,000, based on contractual agreements. In addition, advertising increases by \$6,000, from \$6,000 to \$12,000. This advertising is required by State Statute for unclaimed funds in odd-numbered years and for foreclosures.
- An appropriation of \$170,000 for investment services is included in the non-departmental budget 1900-1850 - Earnings on Investments

## **ADOPTED 2005 BUDGET**

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rather than in the Org. 3090. In 2004, \$160,000 was budgeted in Earnings on Investments.

- The 2005 Budget reflects a zero wage increase for all non-represented and Executive Compensation Plan (ECP) positions. In addition, ECP positions are not provided step increases or performance awards in 2004 as allowed in County Ordinance Section 17.265 (3).
- All departments are required to operate within their expenditure appropriations and their overall budgets. Pursuant to Section 59.60(12), Wisconsin Statutes, "No payment may be authorized or made and no obligation incurred against the county unless the county has

sufficient appropriations for payment. No payment may be made or obligation incurred against an appropriation unless the director first certifies that a sufficient unencumbered balance is or will be available in the appropriation to make the payment or to meet the obligation when it becomes due and payable. An obligation incurred and an authorization of payment in violation of this subsection is void. A county officer who knowingly violates this subsection is jointly and severely liable to the county for the full amount paid. A county employee who knowingly violates this subsection may be removed for cause."

ACTIVITY AND STATISTICAL SUMMARY								
	2003	2003	2004	2005				
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Budget	<u>Budget</u>				
Checks Issued	210,000	210,000	180,000	170,000				
Receipts Issued: Property Taxes	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000				
Lost Checks and Forgeries Processed	450	450	200	200				
Tax Delinquent Notices Processed	9,000	9,000	6,000	6,000				
Unpaid Property Taxes								
Submitted to Treasurer (000's)	8,000	8,000	9,000	9,000				
Number of Parcels with Bankruptcy Claims,								
Petitions for Foreclosure	300	300	150	175				
Forms Furnished to Municipalities	160,000	160,000	160,000	160,000				